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1. The area of the Gubener Stadtforst (A-99) and Forst Bobersberg (B-09) has been completely cleared of civilians. It has been declared a closed area, and is surrounded by notices stating that trespassers enter at the risk of their lives. The area is patrolled by sentries, and guard posts have been set up.
2. Russian troops commenced to arrive by train on 25 January 1947, detraining at Grossen by night under warlike conditions, with the minimum use of lights.
3. By 4 February 1947, two tank brigades and four motorized infantry regiments had detrained. One of the tank brigades had come from Leningrad and the other from the Moscow area. The armored troops were Stalinschüler, aged 18 to 20, while the infantrymen were mainly Asiatics of about 19 years of age.
4. The units moved by road with their own vehicles to their quarters within the closed area. The roads were clear by daybreak.
5. General Koniev's staff headquarters is at Bobersberg and is known as "Ausbildungstab General Koniev."
6. The tank brigades were equipped with armored field vehicles which had an outline similar to the T-34, and a weight approximately equal to that of the KW 52. The gun barrel, projecting some sixty to seventy centimeters in front of the chassis, was of about 90 mm. caliber. It was fitted with a double muzzle-brake.
7. In addition, SP guns were unloaded. They had the appearance of a KW 44 without the turret and with the crew's exit at the rear. The caliber was about 120 mm; the barrel projected some 140 to 160 centimeters beyond the chassis. As the muzzle was covered, it was not possible to ascertain whether or not it was fitted with a muzzle-brake. The glacis-plate was at an angle of about 50° to the vertical, whilst the tail plate was considerably nearer the vertical.
8. The infantry units were carried in two-axle trucks, which, equipped with twin rear wheels, had a capacity of sixteen men, including the driver and his mate.

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9. In addition, the following heavy equipment was unloaded at the same time as the infantry units:
- a. Anti-tank guns of approximately 90 mm caliber with double muzzle-brake and twin tires. The weight was about thirty cwt. and, at any rate, appreciably heavier than the German 75 mm anti-tank gun.
 - b. Stalinorgeln, mounted on trucks, similar to those seen during the Russian campaign.
10. Some of the individual soldiers carried rifles and machine carbines. Troops made a good impression, discipline was good, and all vehicles, weapons and uniforms looked new.

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